



**Wayne County Farm Service  
Agency County Committee**

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**Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday each month at 9:00 am**

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**OUTREACH** - The Farm Service Agency is committed to informing all persons of the programs that it administers. As part of the Outreach Plan for the Wayne County FSA Office, the County Executive Director will be available to speak to groups upon request.

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## NEWSLETTER

WAYNE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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### FSA County Committee Election

The election of agricultural producers in LAA-3, which consists of **Fork, Buck Swamp, Great Swamp, Nahunta and Pikeville townships**, to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a direct link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs their counties offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Committees provide local input on: Commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments and yields; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; and other farm disaster assistance.

**Election Period** - Nomination period began **June 15, 2006** and ends **August 1, 2006**. Nomination forms for the 2006 election must be postmarked or received by close of business in the local FSA county office on August 1, 2006.

**Nominations** - A nomination form signed by the nominee is needed to nominate an individual. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at your local FSA county office and online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing socially disadvantaged (minorities and women) farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA-3, which consists of **Fork, Buck Swamp, Great Swamp, Nahunta and Pikeville townships**, by **November 3, 2006**, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by **December 4, 2006**.

**Who Can Vote** - Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote. Check with your local FSA office for voting requirements and eligibility.

### CCC-633-EZ Reminder

Remember, we've switched to the CCC-633-EZ form. It's a one size fits all form you can use to indicate your intentions to receive loan deficiency payments for all your crops at the beginning of the crop year, long before you've lost beneficial interest.

The same form is then used to submit a request for an LDP any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest. For the 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests are the **only methods** available to request LDPs. Contact the county office staff for details.

## ***Youth Project Loans***

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Live in the open country or in a town of less than 10,000 people
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office. We'll help prepare and process the application forms and answer any questions you may have about the program. Remember, FSA is an equal opportunity lender.

## ***COC Member Completes Term***

Julian Aycock has served 9 years as the County Committee Member for Local Administrative Area three (LAA-3). Mr. Aycock has completed his eligibility and can not be nominated for this term. He first started as a community member in 1992 and has served 14 years as a Community Committee Member for ASCS, CFSA and FSA. His leadership and knowledge of the needs of the local farmers has been an asset to the county committee.

## ***Nomination Forms***

In order to increase awareness of the County committee election process FSA will be mailing nomination petitions to all producers in Wayne County. This year a producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the LAA-3 which consists of **Fork, Buck Swamp, Great Swamp, Nahunta and Pikeville townships.**

## ***Preventing Fraud, Waste***

The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency are partners in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, RMA or the Office of the Inspector General.